

By the King.

WHEREAS during Our stay in that Our Kingdome, we were ever carefull of the auancing of true Religion, and of the suppressing of all contrarie professors: And haue for that purpose cause make many seuerall Statutes, Acts, and Proclamations, as well against Iesuits, Seminarie Priests, and excommunicate Papists as against their ressetters and interteiners, of executing whereof we were ever carefull, Yet because of this Our late proceeding against these seditious Ministers, keepers of that contemptuous conuenticle at Aberdene, some chiefe Papists and Priests, as We vnderstand, dreames to themselves of some ouersight, as that this businesse in thing that misdemeanour of those Ministers, and putting order there-unto might perhaps diuert Vs from hving any regarde of them altogether, who being hereby emboldened, hes not spared of late to kythe more openly then euer they durst do before tymes: And as We vnderstand there is daily resort of Iesuits, and Semiarics thither, who are verie busie with persons of all qualities in that Our Kingdome, preasing to draw them to their erroneous faith and doctrine: Wherein howeuer We haue had against that handfull of these obstinate seditious Ministers for that their contemptuous meeting at Aberdene, most iust cause of wrath: Yet their personall offence moued Vs neuer to dislike their function or any of the same, who were wel disposed: Neither was our former resolution of suppressing and rooting out of that Popish Antichristian doctrine any way impaired or altered by the fault of those Ministers. But as no doubt all Our good subjects are in their mindes fully perswaded of Our integrity and sincerity in the profession of the true Religion, So do We ever intend to set forth all that may aduance Gods glory, and support the honour of the same. And therefore Our pleasure and will is, that diligent regarde be had by Our Counsaill in that Our Kingdome, to see that the Lawes, Statutes, and other our commandments made for the better ordering of the same, be executed with all rigour and fenerity: VVithin every Bishoppe within his owne dyoce, and each Presbiterie within the owne bounds, to learne out where there may be any iust cause of complaint thereof, and to certifye Our Councell of the same: To the effect they may take exact ordour there-with, and inflict the due punishment vpon the offender, which by the Law is prescribed And hereof Our VVill is that publication be made by open proclamation at the mercat crosse of Edinburgh and all other places needfull, that none pretend ignorance of the same: And that such as hes gone astray may conforme themselves in due tyme, otherwise to expect the extremitie of the Law to be execute against them: Wherein We would haue those whose charge it is to proceede with Ecclesiasticall censure against contrary professors, to haue a speciall care of their betie in that pointe, And as We shall haue notice giuen to Vs of any such persons, We shall with Our sword of Justice minister the rigor of the Law against them.

Given at Our Court of Hamptoncourt the xxvj. day of September. 1606.

God saue the King.

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